



CITY OF HAYWARD
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE 03/19/02

AGENDA ITEM 4

WORK SESSION ITEM _____

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution to Establish Underground District No. 26 for Mission Boulevard, from Harder Road to Calhoun Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution to establish Underground District No. 26 for Mission Boulevard, from Harder Road to Calhoun Street; and
2. Introduce the attached ordinance relating to the establishment of the Underground District No. 26.

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting of February 19, 2002, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Intention to consider the establishment of the Underground District No. 26 for Mission Boulevard, from Harder Road to Calhoun Street, as shown on the attached map, and a hearing date of March 19, 2002, was set. It is now appropriate for the City Council to conduct the public hearing on the establishment of this district. On February 26, 2002, staff sent a notice of this meeting to all affected property owners. On February 27, 2002, notices were also sent to all affected utility companies. Staff has worked with the affected utility companies to establish the new Underground District No. 26.

Based on past experience working with both Caltrans and the various utility companies, the connection to the underground wiring system is estimated to be completed by January 15, 2003, and the removal of all poles and overhead wires will be completed by February 15, 2003. These dates may be moved up or postponed by the City upon notification to the affected property owners. Under the improvement Act of 1911, the City Council may establish an underground district and pay the cost of conversion using the Rule 20 funds, which are allocated each year to the City by PG&E for the replacement of overhead distribution facilities with underground facilities along public streets. The City has available Rule 20 Program funding in the amount of approximately \$4,289,000. The estimated cost for the Rule 20 portion of this Underground District No. 26 is approximately \$2,500,000.


Construction of the underground electrical, telephone, and cable TV facilities from the property line to the buildings will be the responsibility of each property owner. Staff and the utility companies will work with each property owner to ensure they are aware of this requirement. Costs of individual residential service conversion will vary, depending on the circumstances involved, and will generally range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Commercial building service conversions range from \$2,000 to \$5,000, or possibly higher. The proposed district includes 23 properties; Moreau High School, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (two parcels), St. Clement's Catholic Church (two parcels), and 18 commercial stores.

In all previous underground wiring districts, the City has not paid the cost of undergrounding any service runs to private property or of converting individual services to underground service. In consideration of past practices, and in order to avoid a potentially costly precedent, it is recommended that the City continue its practice of not paying for individual or commercial service conversions.

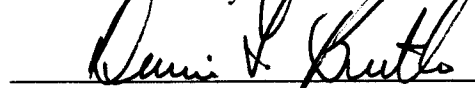
Because the proposed underground district will remove existing utility poles, it is necessary for the City to install a new street lighting system. Since cost for the new street lighting system is not eligible for Rule 20 monies, funding is included in the Street Lighting Fund. As with the earlier undergrounding district near Mission/Industrial, the streetlight work being done by the City will be done first.

PG&E will prepare the composite plans for the undergrounding work and will administer the construction contract. The City will oversee the design and administration of the new street lighting system.

Prepared by:


Robert A. Bauman, Deputy Director of Public Works

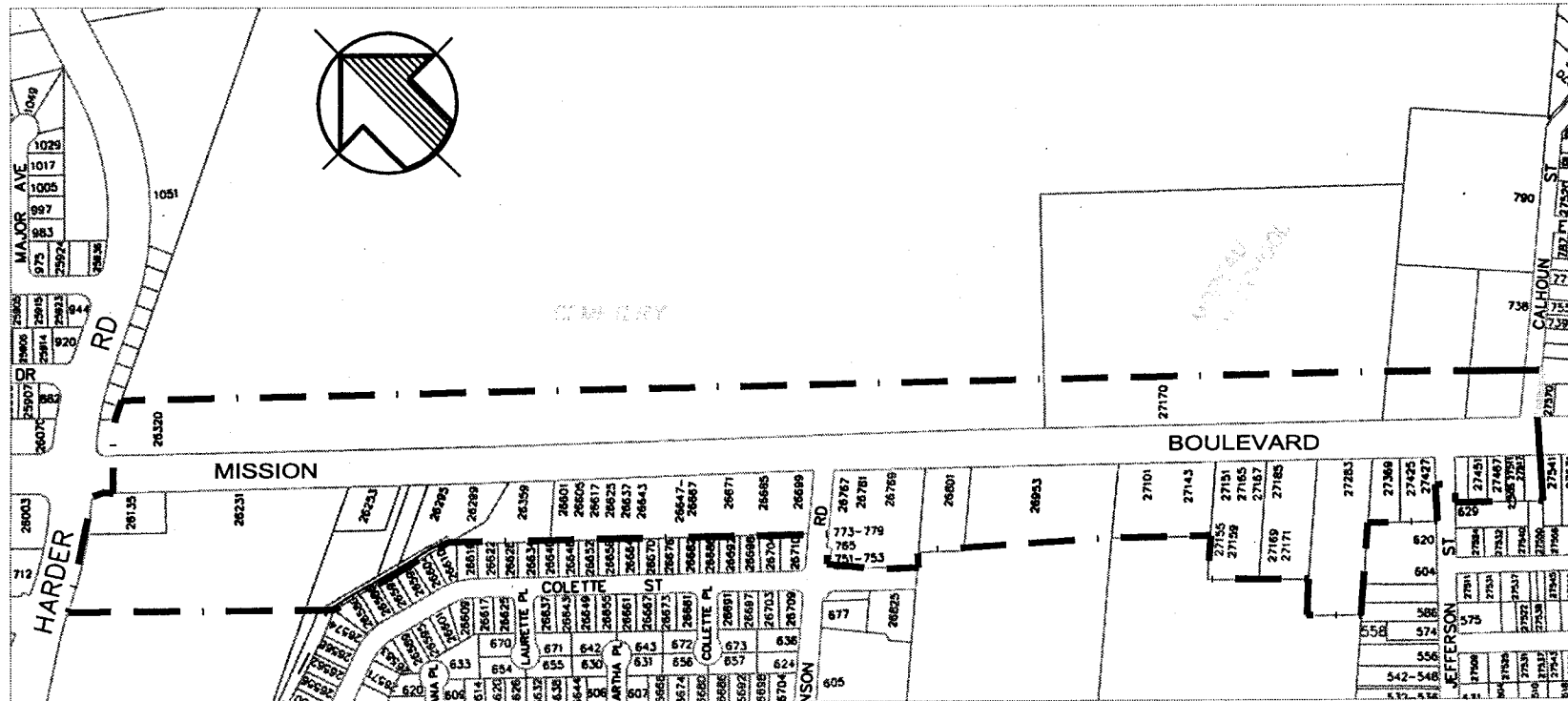
Recommended by:


Dennis L. Butler, Director of Public Works

Approved by:


Jesús Armas, City Manager

Attachments Exhibit A: Underground District No. 26 Boundary Map



LEGEND

--- UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT BOUNDARY

UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT NO. 26
MISSION BLVD: HARDER RD TO CALHOUN ST

CITY OF HAYWARD - FEBRUARY 19, 2002

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced by Council Member _____

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH UNDERGROUND DISTRICT
NO. 26 FOR MISSION BOULEVARD FROM HARDER
ROAD TO CALHOUN STREET**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 02-014 dated February 19, 2002. the City Council declared its intention to establish an underground wiring district for Mission Boulevard from Harder Road to Calhoun Street; and

WHEREAS, March 19, 2002, at the hour of 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 777 B Street, Hayward, California, was fixed as the time and place for hearing protests to the proposed underground wiring district; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the resolution of intention was published, posted, and mailed as directed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby finds and determines that the streets are used extensively by the general public and carry a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and therefore the public peace, safety, comfort, convenience, interest, and welfare require the establishment of the underground wiring district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby orders the establishment of an underground wiring district for certain portions of Mission Boulevard, as follows:

**UNDERGROUND DISTRICT NO. 26. Mission Boulevard from
Harder Road to Calhoun Street**

as indicated on those certain maps entitled:

**UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT NO. 26
BOUNDARY MAP**

The maps delineating the boundaries of said district are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following exceptions in Underground Utility District No. 26 are hereby authorized:

- (a) Any municipal facilities or equipment installed under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
- (b) Overhead wires (exclusive of supporting structures) crossing any portion of a District within which overhead wires have been prohibited, or connecting to buildings on the perimeter of a District, when such wires originate in an area from which poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures are not prohibited.
- (c) Antennae, associated equipment and supporting structures, used by a utility for furnishing communication service.
- (d) Equipment appurtenant to underground facilities, such as surface mounted transformers, pedestal mounted terminal boxes and meter cabinets, and concealed ducts.
- (e) Temporary poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures used or to be used in conjunction with construction projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the underground wiring system hereby approved and the connections to be made to the system shall be completed by January 15, 2003, and the removal of all poles and overhead wires shall be completed by February 15, 2003. These dates may be postponed by the City upon notification to the affected property owners.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2002

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward